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Richmond Sept. 23. 1876

Dear Sir

I received your letter with its enclosure this morning for which I am much obliged to you. The collection of letters to which yours refers would add very much to the value of the book which I propose to publish. Some confidence & necessity must be reposed in the editor or he ought never to be entrusted with the task of biography. It is a high trust accompanied by deep responsibility which I hope I appreciate. I should certainly publish nothing of purely domestic interest or which Mr Calhoun's family or friends would object to see in print. The object of such a publication should either be to explain Mr Calhoun's motives of action or to develop his character & sentiments. I am much obliged to Mr Clemson for his kind invitation and would gladly accept it if I could, but I am a public officer and cannot leave Richmond.

Wm James H. Reim.

Yours truly & respectfully
R M T Hanks